Environmental and Community Services

Helpful Contact Information for You!

Reporting Illegal Dumping, Graffiti, and Surface Water Pollution: Wondering how to report surface water pollution, illegal dumping, litter or graffiti problems? Call the report hotline. Be sure to report the location, and any other information that can help resolve the issue. Please call (206) 684-7587. For private property graffiti, please call (206) 684-7790.

Adopt-a-Street and Adopt-a-Drain: Want to help make Seattle cleaner? You can start by volunteering to clean up public property in your neighborhood. The Adopt-a-Street (AAS) Program will supply you or your group with equipment and will help you dispose of the litter you collect. AAS also supports one-time neighborhood cleanups throughout the year. Join Adopt-a-Drain (AAD) to help prevent drains from clogging and improve surface water quality. AAD volunteers will also be supplied equipment and collection disposal. To get started, please call (206) 684-7647 or visit: www.seattle.gov/util/AdoptADrain.

Spring Clean: One of the City's premier annual cleanup events of Seattle's public spaces. Volunteers join forces to pick up litter, paint out graffiti, storm drain stenciling, invasive plant removal and more. Spring Clean participants can receive free resources from Seattle Public Utilities including cleanup bags, tools, gloves, safety vests, and waste pick up services. Spring Clean is part of Mayor Nickel's Clean and Green Initiative. To learn more, please call the Spring Clean hotline at **(206) 233-7187.**

Reporting Blocked Storm Drains: To get an SPU crew to unclog a problem storm drain, contact the Drainage and Wastewater Operations Control Center at (206) 386-1800.

Storm Drain Stenciling: Here's a chance to help spread our message about the need to protect clean water in our creeks and other waterways. You can do this by volunteering to stencil, "Dump No Waste, Drains to Sound" on storm drains in your neighborhood or business area. For more information call **(206) 684-7624.**

Curbside Recycling and Yard Waste Collection: Recycling and composting keeps waste out of the landfill and saves valuable resources. There is no additional charge for recycling service, and the collection occurs every other week on garbage day. It is illegal to put recyclables and yard waste in your garbage. Food and yard waste is required for all single-family households and is collected weekly, on the same day as your garbage. To get started, call (206) 684-3000 or visit www.seattle.gov/util For apartment and condo recycling, call (206) 684-7665.

Computer Recycling: Please recycle your electronics, or they can wind up in landfills where they release toxic materials into our environment. For participating locations, please go to www.takeitbacknetwork.org.

Apartment/ Condo Recycling: If you own or manage an apartment or condo, you can sign up for the City's free apartment recycling program. The City offers a one-time \$100 rebate towards your garbage bill if someone in your building participates in the Friends of Recycling Program (FOR). This program trains volunteers to educate others about the importance of recycling. To learn more, please call **(206) 684-8717.**

Natural Lawn and Garden Care: Learn about composting, smart watering, growing healthy soil, alternatives to garden pesticides and more. You can also become a Master Composter/ Soil Builder volunteer. Call us at (206) 633-0224.

Green Home Remodel Guides: Save money and keep toxics out of your home and the environment. Call (206) 615-0731, or (206) 684-4643 for apartments and visit the following websites: www.seattle.gov/sustainablebuilding. Green building home page: www.seattle.gov/dpd/GreenBuilding. Downloadable remodeling guides in pdf format: www.seattle.gov/dpd/GreenBuilding/SingleFamilyResidential/Resources/RemodelingGuides.

Water Conservation: We offer rebates to improve sprinkler efficiency, as well as a complete one-stop, regional information center for all things related to water conservation. Call (206) 684-SAVE or visit www.savingwater.org Call (206) 615-1282 about high efficiency washing machines and related rebates. Seattle Public Utilities offers technical assistance and financial incentives to commercial and industrial customers at (206) 684-5883. Apartments and condos replacing four or more toilets are eligible for rebates for replacement of older toilets (installed before 1992). Participants can be eligible for free water and energy-efficient shower heads. Call (206) 684-4150.

Urban Creek Stewards: Learn what you can do to improve water quality and habitat in our urban creeks. Volunteers needed to help with planting, weeding, clean up, and bug and salmon monitoring. Call (206) 684-4163. To learn about watershed tours, call **Pipers Creek**; (206) 684-0877; **Longfellow Creek**: (206) 233-2046; **Thornton Creek**: (206) 615-1441.

Environmental Justice Projects: SPU is working with community groups to improve its provision of services to immigrants and refugees. For more information, call (206) 684-7643.

Seattle Climate Action Now: Take action to help curb emissions that lead to climate change. Protect our community and future generations! Visit www.seattlecan.org

Seattle Clean and Green: Join Mayor Nickels and city staff one Saturday morning each month to help beautify Seattle neighborhoods, or find our when Clean and Green is coming to your part of town. To learn more, call the Adopt-a-Street hotline at **(206) 684-7647**.